## SAMUEL PATTON.

DECEMBER 22, 1831.

Mr. Hubbard, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

## REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Patton, report:

That the petitioner asks a pension under the act of March, 1818. It is very satisfactorily proved by the evidence, that he is now more than seventy-five years of age, and in very indigent circumstances; and it also appears

that the character of the petitioner for truth is good.

The statement of the petitioner, under oath, is, that in the year 1776, he enlisted as a sergeant in Captain Kelly's company, for the term of three years; that he served in Colonel Hartley's regiment in the Pennsylvania line on the continental establishment; that he was detailed to Virginia to join in the recruiting service; that afterwards he joined the main army, and was in the battle of Brandywine; that, at a subsequent period, he was placed in the forage department; that after he had served about eighteen months under his enlistment, he was taken sick, obtained a furlough, and returned

to his home, and did not afterwards join the army.

It appears from the testimony of one witness, Benjamin Thornberry, that he was present at the time the petitioner enlisted into Captain Kelly's company; that a brother of witness enlisted into the same company at the same time; that he well knew the petitioner, and saw him, after he enlisted, in the State of Virginia, engaged in the recruiting service. The witness further states that the petitioner continued in the army about eighteen months. One other witness states, in her deposition, that she well knew the petitioner at the time he entered into the service; that her husband was then a soldier in the army of the revolution; and she states generally that she understood at the time that Patton had joined the army, and that after his return she well recollects of his remaining some time at her house.

From all the evidence in the case, the committee are of opinion that the

petitioner ought to receive a pension, and they therefore report a bill.

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